

In our community we like to say that "East County is a special place to live." The fact of the matter is that it's the people that make it special and there was no greater example of this than Stoney Stone. As the Congressman whose district has included East County for many years, I am proud to have had the privilege of knowing Stoney and learning from his commitment to service. And while we will miss him greatly, we are left with Stoney's example and legacy that challenges us to do more. Thank you Stoney, for everything.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
JARED HUFFMAN FOR BEING IN-
DUCTED INTO THE GAUCHO
HALL OF FAME

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my distinguished colleague and friend Representative JARED HUFFMAN of California's Second Congressional District for his induction into the "Gauchito Hall of Fame" at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB).

Born and raised in Independence, Missouri, JARED HUFFMAN graduated William Chrisman High School in 1982. His passion for volleyball led him to the West Coast where he attended UCSB. While there, he was a starter for the UCSB Men's Volleyball team and was recognized as a three-time NCAA All-American volleyball player. Upon graduating magna cum laude, JARED went on to play for the number 1 ranked USA Men's Volleyball Team in 1987.

In 1990, he graduated cum laude from Boston College Law School and served as an attorney for many years eventually representing the National Resource Defense Council working to protect the environment. JARED was elected to the California State Assembly in 2006 where he served on the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee and the Budget Committee. In 2012, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he continues to serve his constituents in California's Second Congressional District.

Since coming to Congress, JARED has served as a member of both the House Natural Resources and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committees, where he has been a leader in the fight to protect our nation's environment and public lands. JARED has had a long career of academic excellence, athletic achievements, and tireless dedication to public service. For all these reasons, he will be inducted into the UCSB Gauchito Hall of Fame on April 30, 2016.

I congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.

IN HONOR OF THE MONTEREY
SALINAS TRANSIT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monterey Salinas Transit, located in Monterey, California, where the history of California state government began.

April 30, 2016 marks the 125th anniversary of the start of public transportation in Monterey County. On this date in 1891, the Monterey & Pacific Grove Street Railway system started service with horse drawn street cars operating on a series of rails laid in the existing road network. The rail network connected the world famous Del Monte Hotel, now the home of the world famous Naval Postgraduate School, through the Oak Grove neighborhood to downtown Monterey and the Presidio of Monterey via Del Monte Avenue to Alvarado, Munras, and Tyler Avenues. Those first transit passengers could continue on Lighthouse Avenue through New Monterey and end their journey at 17th street in downtown Pacific Grove. That first day of operation coincided with a visit from the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, who rode in a parade from Pacific Grove to the Del Monte Hotel.

The horse drawn streetcars ran for ten years until 1901 when they were replaced by an all electric powered street car fleet operated by the Monterey Gas & Electric Company in 1903. Electric streetcars ran in Monterey and what is now Seaside in a variety of forms through 1921, when the Monterey & Pacific Grove Railway was abandoned because it was unable to compete with more cost effective rubber-wheeled, internal combustion engine powered buses operated by the Bay Rapid Transit Company.

For the next 50 years, Bay Rapid Transit operated buses until the Monterey Peninsula Public Transit joint powers agency took over public operation of the transit system in September 1974. In July 1981, the MPT took over public transit operations for the City of Salinas forming the Monterey-Salinas Transit joint powers agency which eventually became the Monterey-Salinas Transit District in July 2010. At that time, the MST Board of Directors was expanded to include the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Sand City and Soledad. MST continued to grow and passengers can now connect to neighboring Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Luis Obispo counties.

One hundred and twenty five years later, Monterey-Salinas Transit buses and its wirelessly powered electric trolley continue to operate along the original routes of the first horse drawn street cars. And, MST continues to provide the same level of exceptional service and value to everyone who lives, works or visits the beautiful Monterey Bay region that riders of yesteryear experienced. With ridership of 4.5 million passengers a year, MST is a regional transportation asset that continues to innovate and provide exceptional value and service for the next one hundred twenty five years.

CONGRATULATING KIM BROWN ON
HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
GRAPEVINE TEXAS POLICE DE-
PARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kim Brown on her well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department after serving over thirty years with the City of Grapevine, Texas.

Kim began her service with the City of Grapevine as a library aid and assistant where she worked for over three years before beginning her long and distinguished career with the Grapevine Police Department. Kim started with the Department as an Administration Clerk in 1989 and was soon promoted to Administration Division Secretary before eventually moving into the Criminal Investigations Division as an Investigative Assistant.

Since the beginning of her tenure in Grapevine, Kim has provided outstanding service to her community, which is apparent in the numerous commendations she has received while performing her duties. Most recently, Kim was awarded a Certificate of Merit in November, 2014, for her excellent performance.

Kim's exemplary work with the Criminal Investigation Division of the Grapevine Police Department has had a tremendous effect on the safety and security of Grapevine and the surrounding communities. Her legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Grapevine and the Grapevine Police Department for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the contributions Kim has made to the City of Grapevine. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Kim Brown on her many years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF IFOSTER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the iFoster jobs program for foster youth. Each May, we recognize National Foster Care Month, when we acknowledge the unique challenges facing American youth in foster care. The campaign recognizes not only the foster youth, but also the foster parents, family members, child welfare professionals, volunteers, and members of our communities who help our children find foster placements, and ultimately transition successfully out of the foster care system.

One of the most significant challenges facing foster youth as they transition out of the foster care system involves finding meaningful employment. As a Member of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I am committed to identifying strategies to improve the well-being, education and employment outcomes for our foster youth. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing iFoster's foster youth employment program.

The iFoster program launched in Placer County in May 2015 and has since expanded to Los Angeles County. Through a partnership with the grocery industry, it has developed an innovative employment program for transition age foster youth. The program provides participating youth with pre-employment skills training, employer matching, needed material resources, preferential hiring, on-the-job mentorship, and scholarship and career advancement activities. In its pilot year, the program has placed over 100 youth, and achieved a 100 percent hire rate and a 90 percent six-month retention rate for participating foster youth. I am pleased that this May, the program will be launching in Riverside, San Bernardino and Sacramento counties, before being replicated nationwide.